CHICHESTER YACHT CLUB GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING 07/07/2017

The General Committee, chaired by Commodore Robin Hamilton, dealt with the following business:

- The Commodore reported that the Club is running very smoothly and thanked Club Operations Manager Manu Jenkin for her efforts. He also stressed that members do need to sign in their guests and be present all the time their guests are on Club premises.
- The plans for new bridgeheads are being progressed and alternative quotes are to be obtained, according to Club procedure. It is hoped to complete the work this winter.
- Availability of members for the forthcoming Commodore's Cup was a problem and it was agreed to postpone the event until the winter.
- The Hon. Treasurer reported that the May figures were under budget but the reasons for this were known and we are now ahead of our annual subscriptions budget due at least in part to some highly successful Open Days.
- Agreed that there are three significant items of capital expenditure to be addressed over the next 12 months: the bridgeheads, support RIBs and the Restaurant Kitchen. These will be prioritised once detailed costs are known.
- Discussed the price of Club burgees and cruising-in-company pennants and agreed to reduce cost by purchasing burgees in larger numbers. In future, burgees will cost £28 and pennants £30.
- Agreed draft amendments to the Club's Articles and Rules for presentation at the AGM. These remove references to CASC requirements, revise Family membership to allow for grandchildren, revise the rule on quorums and recognise the Board Sub Committee.
- Noted that current membership is 852, an increase of 18% so far this year and well ahead of target.
- Discussed training provision, for which there is a very high demand. It was agreed to form an initiative to come up with a proposal for "big boat" training through partnership with a sea school, as well as some self-help (e.g. video) training materials.
- Noted that we now have planning consent and have applied for a wedding ceremony licence.
- Noted that external re-decoration is progressing; also savings should be achieved through alternative utilities provision currently being investigated.
- Heard that Simon Benson needs to stand down from his position as Vice Commodore at the AGM due to pressure of work in his business.
- Agreed that the Board Sub Committee should review the Club's governance structure and investigate possibly more robust management models.

The next General Committee meeting is on 18 August 2017 at 20:00.

David Pearce Hon. Secretary